

**The Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners
Board Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners was held on March 25, 2011, at 100 North Union Street, Suite 736 in Montgomery, Alabama with chairman and secretary present.

Board Chair, Leisa Askew, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

There was a quorum of members present including:

District III member Leisa Askew - Board Chair

District VI member Mandy Andrews- Board Secretary

District I member Sharon Argiro

District II member William Wright

District IV member Paula Johnson

District V member Esophia Clayborn

District VII member James Ware

Executive Director Brenda Holden was present.

Unless otherwise specified, all votes were taken by a show of hands. Proper notice for the meeting was provided to the Secretary of State and posted on the Secretary of State website.

Approval of Minutes:

A copy of the minutes from January 21, 2011 Board Meeting was distributed and reviewed. Paula Johnson made a motion to approve minutes as they stand. James Ware seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Board Chair, Leisa Askew, recognized March as National Social Work Month.

Old Board Business:

- a. Ms. Brenda Holden reported that there are no pending complaints with one hearing pending.
- b. The Board reviewed and approved the list of new social work licensees. William Wright made a motion to accept the list of new social work licensees. Paula Johnson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

New Board Business:

- a. Leisa Askew announced that she spoke at the Auburn University Introduction to Social Work class. She has also been asked to speak to Lee County Department of Human Resources and Lee County Department of Public Health regarding licensure. Mandy Andrews spoke to the University of Montevallo Introduction to Social Work class.
- b. Brenda Holden informed the Board that all members who have not watched the Alabama Ethics Commission mandatory training DVD must do so. The DVD was viewed during the meeting by all board members.
- c. The Board discussed a request from Wanda Borders to publish a poem in the newsletter. Brenda Holden will have Ms. Borders sign a statement indicating the poem and artwork are original works and giving permission to publish them.
- d. The Board discussed a request to accept CE from the NBCC (National Board of Certified Counselors), ANCC (American Nursing Credentialing Center), AMA (American Medical Association) and APA (American Psychological Association) for Alabama Social Workers. The Board requested verification from the Alabama Board of Nursing (ABN) regarding the ANCC's legitimacy. Brenda Holden will contact the ABN and obtain verification. James Ware made a motion to accept Social Work CE for APA and NBCC programs that are social work related. William Wright seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: William Wright, James Ware, Esophia Clayborn, Leisa Askew and Paula Johnson. Opposing the motion: Mandy Andrews and Sharon Argiro.
- e. The Board discussed the impact of legal fees on the Board's current budget. The Board signed a contract with the Attorney General's office and will be charged \$100 per hour for the use of an attorney. The Board will be mindful of including an attorney in the meetings in order to keep cost at a minimum.
- f. The Board discussed a request from Pam Curry to consider volunteer hours as CE. James Ware made a motion to deny Ms. Curry's request to consider volunteer hours as CE. William Wright seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: James Ware, William Wright, Leisa Askew, Mandy Andrews, Esophia Clayborn, Sharon Argiro, and Paula Johnson. Opposing the motion: none.

PIP Applications:

- a. Lisa Renee Baker was approved for Clinical Social Work and Social Work Research.
- b. Karen Blackwood was approved for Community Organization.
- c. Donna Gast Christian was approved for Social Casework and Clinical Social Work.
- d. Laurel Hitchcock was approved for Social Work Research.

- e. Lavonda Johnson was approved for Social Casework, Clinical Social Work, and Social Work Administration.
- f. Beverly S. Lesyea was approved for Social Casework and Clinical Social Work.
- g. Meredith Alexander Lewis was approved for Clinical Social Work and Social Casework.
- h. Gina B. Porter was approved for Social Work Administration and Social Casework.
- i. Janet N. Randall was approved for Social Casework and Clinical Social Work. Denied Community Organization and Social Work Administration.
- j. Lisa Rhodes was approved for Clinical Social Work, Social Casework, and Social Work Administration.
- k. James Byrum was approved for Social Casework, Clinical Social Work, and Social Work Administration.
- l. Ava Rozelle as approved for Social Casework, Community Organization, and Social Work Administration. Denied Clinical Social Work.

Other Requests:

- a. The Board reviewed and discussed a request from Etta Henry for a one-time CE waiver of 18 hours. Paula Johnson made a motion to approve a one-time waiver for Ms. Henry. James Ware seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
- b. The Board reviewed and discussed a request from Marcia Dwiggins for a one-time CE waiver of 7 hours. Paula Johnson made a motion to approve a one-time waiver for Ms. Dwiggins. William Wright seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
- c. The Board reviewed and discussed a request from INR for approval of a CE program entitled "Brain Injury: Stroke, Alzheimer's & Head Trauma". Paula Johnson made a motion to approve the request. Sharon Argiro seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
- d. The Board reviewed a request from Katrina Heath regarding the need for additional supervision. The Board determined that Ms. Heath does not need additional supervision.
- e. The Board reviewed a request from Heather Middleton regarding the need to start supervision over or continue from current date. The Board determined Ms. Middleton does not have to start her supervision over and can continue from current date.

The Board recessed for a 15 minute break at 11:05 AM. The Board came back into session at 11:20 AM.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:34 PM. This recorder left the meeting at that time.

Remaining of the meeting was recorded by Paula Johnson: The Board came back into session at 1:00 pm for a disciplinary hearing and after the conclusion of the hearing the Board adjourned at 1:20 pm.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2011 at 9:30 AM in the Board Conference Room.

Board Chair

Board Secretary

Leisa Askew

Mandy Andrews

Board Vice Chair

Paula Johnson